



Peters Township Library Report – July 2022

Mobile Fab Lab

The Carnegie Science Center’s Mobile Fab Lab visited on Friday, July 15th and led four Maker sessions for children in different age groups. The Fab Lab facilitator led the groups through digital design using 2D or 3D CAD software, and then students were able to learn how the computer-controlled 3D printer and laser cutter worked while fabricating their unique projects. Make Animal Tracks, for kindergarten through 2nd graders, had 30 attendees and they learned about animal prints found in nature and then how to laser cut prints into foam sheets they could then color. Make a Dinosaur Skeleton had 15 3rd through 6th graders design their own dinosaur skeleton which they could then laser cut and assemble. 3D Printing the Entertainment of Tomorrow, had twelve teen attendees, and taught how to design 3D objects with the animation software Blender. Finally, Make Your Own Glider, for 3rd through 6th graders, had kids design their own glider, cut it out in foam, and then fly it. It had 16 attendees.

Mingo Park

At the end of July, PTPL partnered with the Washington County Library System to host the second annual Summer Reading Extravaganza event at Mingo Creek County Park, sponsored by Budd Baer Subaru. 14 Washington County libraries had tables with prizes, giveaways, craft kits, free books, and games. Washington County families also enjoyed free face painting, lunch from the Salvation Army, and a magic show with the Amazing Magi. More than 200 people stopped by the PTPL table on a beautiful Saturday afternoon – we are so thankful to be able to partner with other county libraries to offer such a great event to our local families.

PT History Highlights: Montour Railroad

More than 50 people attended a presentation by Bryan Seip of the Montour Railroad Historical Society. Bryan gave a “tour” of the Montour Railroad and its route and time in Peters Township. Attendees learned about the history of this section of the railroad, and how it has transformed to the current day Arrowhead Trail. The program featured more than 100 photographs of the areas of the railroad, both then and now! If you were unable to attend this in-person presentation, you can find the recording on the Peters Township Community Television’s YouTube channel.

Oceans of Possibility – Summer Reading

Our youngest readers enjoyed four weeks of Oceans of Possibility Backyard Storytimes with Patty, Morgan, and Linda, focusing on themes of mermaids, whales, pirates, and sea creatures! Each storytime was full with a waiting list. In addition to our regular teen and tween book clubs, DIY programs, and writing clubs, we also hosted two special youth programs in July. The Sunken Treasure Storytime was attended by 30 people. This program, facilitated by a sunken treasure collector and our own summer reading intern Morgan, enabled children to listen to a story and touch some real treasure pieces. We also hosted a Save a Manatee program. 47 young patrons signed up for one of three time slots to attend this program, which consisted of a listening to a story, watching a video of live manatees in action to learn more about these endangered creatures, and making a manatee stuffed animal that they could name and take home. A donation was collected and sent to the Save a Manatee organization. PTPL is now the official adoptive parent of Lenny the manatee. Thanks to all who participated! In addition to these programs, our 501 active readers have logged 333,000 minutes of reading and more than 5,500 books. 70 youth and teens picked out a free book as their halfway prize.